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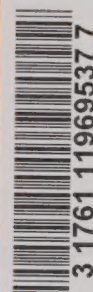
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the case for
**DRIVER
INSTRUCTION**

*in Ontario's
Secondary
Schools*





WHY DO WE NEED IT? Because more young people are killing themselves on the highway than any other age group. Statistics show that the 16 to 24 year-olds represent about 19 percent of all licensed drivers—BUT are involved in 31 percent of all collisions. Remember too that these young people drive very few miles compared to adults.



WILL THIS INTERFERE WITH ACADEMIC SUBJECTS? No. The course of instruction approved by the Ontario Departments of Education and Transportation and Communications is mainly extra-curricular. Only in some specialized schools, where it is included in the Occupational Program, is it part of the curriculum.



WHAT ARE THE COURSE STANDARDS? Each student must receive ★ 25 hours of classroom instruction ★ Six hours of practice driving behind the wheel of cars with automatic transmission or eight hours in cars with gear shift. ★ 12 hours as an observer in the vehicle while other students receive practice driving instruction.



WHAT IS THE REASON? ★ They have not been properly trained ★ They have learned bad driving habits from parents, relatives and friends ★ They have no experience to fall back on in an emergency.



WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES? The course must be approved by the Local School Board and under the control of the principal.



MUST TEACHERS BE TRAINED IN DRIVER INSTRUCTION? Yes, both in-class and in-car training. Teacher preparation courses are held each year during the summer vacation.



WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT? See that they are properly trained. The haphazard way many adults learned to drive in the past is not good enough for today's traffic. Young people must be taught to drive correctly... this is a job for trained teachers.



CAN WE GET FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE? Yes. While there are no specific grants applicable to driver education as distinct from other subjects, the expenses incurred by a school board in connection with the "in class" or "behind the wheel" instruction are part of a board's ordinary operating expenditure on which Department of Education grants are based. Where instruction is given to pupils outside the normal day school hours, they are regarded as night school pupils for grant purposes.

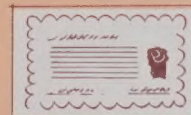


WHERE CAN WE GET A DRIVER TRAINING CAR? Car manufacturers through local car dealers are backing driver instruction in secondary schools by providing cars on free loan to approved courses.



IS THIS SPECIALIZED TRAINING AVAILABLE? Yes! through Driver Instruction Courses in our Secondary Schools which ★ Teach proper methods and basic skills ★ Instil correct attitudes ★ Are taught by qualified teachers who understand young people.

WHAT OTHER HELP IS AVAILABLE? Ontario Department of Transportation and Communications provides ★ Advice and assistance in setting up and running courses. ★ Approved textbooks for students. ★ Other instructional material and training aids. ★ Brochure on the operation and organization of courses to help teachers and school boards. ★ Dual control mechanisms for each training vehicle. ★ Certificate and wallet card to each student successfully completing the course.



WHAT IS THE COST TO THE SCHOOL BOARD? Costs vary. In some localities part of the cost is paid by the students taking the course.